

HB 1245 - DIGEST

Finds that the supreme court, in *King County v. Central Puget Sound Growth Mgmt. Hearings Bd.*, 142 Wn.2d 543, 14 P.3d 133 (2000), held that lands designated as agricultural may not be used for recreational facilities.

Finds that this decision and the absence of an enacted legislative response have illustrated the urgent need for a legislative remedy addressing the growing and interrelated challenges of population growth, the need for outdoor recreational facilities, and the conservation of agricultural lands.

Provides that the development regulations of a county or city planning under RCW 36.70A.040 may permit agricultural lands designated pursuant to RCW 36.70A.170 that are not being used for the commercial production of food or other agricultural products to be used for recreational activities, including, but not limited to, playing fields for sports played on grass.

Declares that counties and cities planning under RCW 36.70A.040 that permit agricultural land to be used for recreational activities may not allow permanent structures to be erected on the land, but may permit removable structures and playing fields constructed before June 1, 2004, that support the use of the land for recreational activities.

Establishes a study committee on outdoor recreation.

Requires the study committee to report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate committees of the house of representatives and the senate by January 1, 2006.

Expires January 1, 2006.